



# Your *Village* *Voice*

**The Village of Bawlf Newsletter**  
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## **Next Council meeting:**

September 16<sup>th</sup> at the  
Village Office, 7 PM

The public is welcome  
to attend all Council  
meetings. If you  
would like to address  
Council, please contact  
the Village Office by  
noon on  
September 10th to  
arrange a time.

### *Mayor's message*



**One of the things we take for granted** in the small towns of Alberta is personal security. We're quick to tell anyone who'll listen that one of the reasons we live where we do is that we don't have to be quite as vigilant about things like locking houses and garages as people do in the big city. Many people around our town and others like it speak proudly of being able to leave their houses unlocked, even if they're away for a bit and they sure don't worry about locking things up while they're at home. This attitude has worked for most people much of the time, but it sure didn't work in Bawlf on the night of August 14-15.

For those of you who don't know, Bawlf experienced a rash of burglaries and thefts that night (at least eight). In all cases, either residents were home at the time or the thieves thought they were (as was the case at our own house). They were looking for items that could be grabbed quickly and easily and, in all cases, entry was gained through unlocked or poorly-secured doors (garages and garden sheds included) and windows. In our case, they didn't take anything (at least not anything of which we're aware) but instead left a very threatening message.

The saddest part of all this is not the missing items or money: it's the deep feeling of personal violation and the loss of a sense of small-town innocence. You can bet that every door and window in town will now be secured and/or alarmed (both, in our case). This is good, of course, because it mitigates the possibility that a repeat of the night August 14-15 will happen, or at least happen as easily as it did. However, it's very disappointing in the sense that one aspect of small-town life as we know it – an aspect that (in our own minds, at least) differentiated life here from life in Calgary or Edmonton – is now gone forever. In locking down everything we own, we'll be more secure but, in some sense, we'll be the poorer for it.

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The Village of Bawlf received an interesting request recently. A fellow who is an amateur researcher from the UK and who is interested in the RAF/USAAF bomber offensive during WWII wrote to us looking for information on a former Bawlf (or area) resident named **Joseph Clarence Albert Marcotte**. Some folks remember a resident by that name and there are indeed Marcottes buried in Bawlf's Catholic cemetery (though none who would have been of enlistment age during WWII), but we were not able to find any information beyond that. **If anyone has additional information on Joseph Marcotte**, kindly call Mayor Iwanus at 780-373-2263 or e-mail him at [jiwanus@bawlf.com](mailto:jiwanus@bawlf.com) so we can pass the information on to the researcher in the UK.

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**You are invited to attend the follow-up Municipal Sustainability Plan Community Consultation**

**Thursday, September 17th, 7 PM @ the Community Centre**  
(Village residents: additional information in your water bill)

## The Magic of **RHYMES** is coming to the Bawlf Public Library!

**Rhymes**, a half-hour of singing nursery rhymes and listening to stories for children (0-4) and their parents will run each **Wednesday between September 16 and November 18 from 2:30 to 3:00 PM at the Bawlf Public Library**. The program includes a new theme each week, a snack with time to socialize, and hand-outs for home activities. Registration forms are available from the Village Office; please return them by September 9th if you are participating in the entire program (participants are welcome to register part-way through).

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**A great big THANK YOU to Gladys Stock and her family for hosting an intimate community concert in her back yard on August 9<sup>th</sup>**. Guest musician was **Myra Marshall** from Camrose, who is as fine a performer as any in the entire region. The weather was absolutely gorgeous and there were almost 30 people in attendance, all of whom left well-serenaded and well-fed, thanks to Gladys's generosity. This is yet another great example of how the community is made a better place because of the initiative of an individual resident. Gladys was asked whether this would be the "first annual" of such events and we can only hope that this is the case! If anyone else is thinking of hosting any type of event to which the community at large is invited (hint, hint) please let the Village know so that it can be publicised both in the *Village Voice* and on the Village website.

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The **Village of Bawlf**, together with the **Bawlf Public Library** and the **Senior Citizens Society** is tentatively planning the **Grand Opening of the new Village Office** (formerly the Senior Centre) on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Open house at 7 PM; short program at the Community Centre at 7:30 PM. Final details to be confirmed in the October *Village Voice* and on the Village website. **Mark your calendar and come join us in celebrating this special day in Bawlf!**

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**By-laws that have been given first reading: [By-law 568-09](#)**: A by-law to re-zone Lot F, Block 9, Plan 1869P from P-Park to I-Institutional (for use by the Bawlf Regional Children's Centre). **The Village invites comments on proposed by-laws after first reading.** Copies of these by-laws are available on the Village website at [www.bawlf.com](http://www.bawlf.com) or at the Village Office.

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## Composting Site (East of the Water Treatment Plant)

**Please be sure to read and follow the signs as to where to dump grass clippings versus tree branches/wood. Remember to remove all plastic bags/boxes and do not dump garbage in the composting areas. If you require clarification, please call the Village Office. Thank you!**

September, 2009 Calendar	Village of Bawlf Council Members
<p><b>Sep 7:</b> Labour Day</p> <p><b>Sep 16, 23, 30:</b> "Rhymes" Program at BPL, 2:30 PM</p> <p><b>Sep 16:</b> Village Council, 7 PM</p> <p><b>Sep 17:</b> Municipal Sustainability Plan follow-up town hall meeting at the Community Centre, 7 PM</p>	<p><i>Mayor Jerry Iwanus</i> (780-373-2263 or <a href="mailto:jiwanus@bawlf.com">jiwanus@bawlf.com</a>)</p> <p><i>Deputy Mayor Darrell Szott</i> (780-373-2517 or <a href="mailto:dszott@bawlf.com">dszott@bawlf.com</a>)</p> <p><i>Councillor Jody Yuha</i> (780-373-3806 or <a href="mailto:jyuha@bawlf.com">jyuha@bawlf.com</a>)</p> <p><i>Councillor Reta Porter</i> (780-373-2448 or <a href="mailto:rporter@bawlf.com">rporter@bawlf.com</a>)</p>
<p>"To have striven, to have made the effort, to have been true to certain ideals - this alone is worth the struggle."</p> <p><i>William Penn, English Quaker leader and founder of Pennsylvania</i></p>	<p><i>Councillor Gord Blatz</i> (780-373-3733 or <a href="mailto:gblatz@bawlf.com">gblatz@bawlf.com</a>)</p>